

## **REMARKS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In the Office action mailed July 9, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 8, and 11-14 are objected to, but allowable, as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In accordance with the remarks and amendments included in this Response, new claim 16 is written as dependent claim 5 in independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and intervening claims 3 and 4.

### **ADDED CLAIM 16**

On page 7, numbered paragraph 9 of the Office action, the Examiner objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, new claim 16 has been written to be claim 5 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and the intervening claims 3 and 4. New claim 16 does not include any additional elements. In light of the foregoing, new claim 16 patentably distinguishes over the references relied upon by the Examiner and Applicant respectfully requests that the claim be allowed.

### **CONCLUSION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 16 has been added. Claims 1-16 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

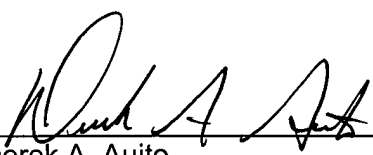
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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